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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD OF DETERMINING THE LIVING CHARACTER OF AN ELEMENT CARRYING A FINGERPRINT

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/539,822

Examiner

Mia M. Thomas

Applicant(s)

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- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address-

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to applicant's remarks received on 29 December 2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 12 and 15-22.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other Please see attached (Applicant's facsimile).

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview on 07 April 2009 with Mr. Gerald Helget (Reg. No. 30,948).

*Applicant has provided newly amended claims mainly to place the claims in condition for allowance in view of the In re Bilski decision (35 U.S.C. 101). Please see attached facsimile which provides new listings' of the claims in addition to the replacement sheets regarding Figures 6 and 7 of the instant application. The Examiner has further included that the application based upon the facsimile submitted has been amended as follows:

In The Claims:

At claim 12, line 1, delete--"the"--; replace with--"a"--.

At claim 12, line 2, delete--"using a microprocessor", comprising the step of:"--; replace with--"using a microprocessor to perform the steps of:"--.

At claim 12, line 6, after "the" and before "electrodes"; insert -- "two first"--.

At claim 12, line 7, after "the" and before "electrodes"; insert -- "two first"--.

At claim 12, line 7, after "finger" and before "at"; delete--"D"--.

At claim 17, line 1, delete--"the"--; replace with--"a"--.

At claim 17, line 10, delete--"the"--; replace with--"an"--.

At claim 17, line 11, after "said" and before "electrodes"; insert -- "two" --.

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At claim 17, line 13, after "finger" and before "at"; delete—"D"--.

At claim 17, line 16, delete—"other"; replace with "unselected".

At claim 17, line 16/17, after the second occurrence of the word "other" and before "impedance"; insert --"unselected"--.

At claim 19, line 1, delete--"the"--; replace with--"a"--.

At claim 19, line 2, delete--"an element"--; replace with--"a finger of a person"--.

At claim 19, line 7, after "of" and before "two"; delete—"the"--.

At claim 19, line 7, after "two" and before "electrodes"; insert -- "of the"--.

At claim 19, line 11, after "impedance" and before "as"; insert -- "measured by the electrodes--.

At claim 20, line 1, delete--"the"--; replace with--"a"--.

At claim 20, line 2, delete--"an element"--; replace with--"a finger of a person"--.

At claim 20, line 11, after "impedance" and before "as"; insert -- "measured by the electrodes--.

At claim 20, line 13, delete--"the element"--; replace with--"a finger of a person"--.

At claim 21, line 1, delete--"the"--; replace with--"a"--.

At claim 21, line 2, delete--"an element"--; replace with--"a finger of a person"--.

At claim 21, line 14, after "impedance" and before "as"; insert -- "measured by the electrodes--.

At claim 21, line 16, delete--"the element"--; replace with--"a finger of a person"--.

2. The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: at page 7 of the applicant's faxed amendment to the instant application,

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applicant has also provided a replacement sheet (see attached) that formally identifies numeral 1 at Figure 6 and Figure 7. By way of the facsimile, applicant has made these above agreed upon drawing changes.

3. This Notice of Allowability/Examiner's Amendment is responsive to applicant remarks/arguments received on 29 December 2008. Claims 1-11, 13 and 14 are canceled. Claims 12, 15-22 are currently amended or previously presented and are pending in the application.

4. Applicant's argument, see pages 6-11 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections of Claims 12, 15-22 have been withdrawn.

5. Positive Statement: Applicant has amended Claim 12, (newly renumbered as Claim 1) to recite "a method of determining a living character of a finger of a person carrying a fingerprint using a microprocessor to perform the steps of:..." to overcome 35 U.S.C. 101 rejections in view of In re Bilski. The recitation of using a microprocessor to perform the steps of the method of Claim 12 now adequately ties the "process" to another statutory category. It is clear to a person of ordinary skill in the art of personal identification using biometrics such as fingerprints that determining a living character of a finger by making measurements of impedance must be performed by a microprocessor or the like.

6. Claims 12, 15-22 distinguish over the prior art. Claims 12, 15-22 are allowable. These claims will be renumbered as 1-9.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mia M. Thomas whose telephone number is (571)270-1583. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 8am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bhavesh Mehta can be reached at 571-272-7453. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Mia M Thomas/
Examiner, Art Unit 2624

/Andrew W Johns/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2624

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